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Application No. 10/674,277
Attorney Docket No. 8947-000065/US**REMARKS**

Claims 3-14 are pending. Of these, claims 3-5, 9 and 13 are written in independent format.

By this reply, claims 1-2 have been canceled without intent of prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

§ 102 REJECTION – LAWS '479 PATENT

Beginning on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 6,647,479 to Laws. As noted, claims 1-2 have been canceled by this reply. Hence, this rejection is moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant is pleased to acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 3-14.

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The issues raised in the Office Action are considered to be resolved. Accordingly, Applicant again requests a Notice of Allowance.

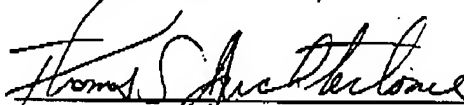
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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